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¶1. (C) PolOff met with MFA Disarmament Director General Dr. Irfan Yusuf Shami on September 30 and conveyed reftel points regarding Pakistani concerns about a possible Indian nuclear test. Shami reiterated the GOP perception that India may be preparing for a nuclear test, but when pressed on the source of the concern indicated only the ongoing public debate and no concrete evidence of Indian preparations. He said the media coverage of the Indian debate was starting to create public pressure in Pakistan on this issue, such that Pakistan would have no choice but to conduct its own test should India test first. To shed more light on Pakistani concerns about the direction of India's nuclear program, Shami suggested that there be a discussion of threat perceptions and nuclear stability on the subcontinent during the bilateral nonproliferation meeting to be held possibly in mid-November.  
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